

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 9-11, 20-23, 29, 37, 43, 45-47, 56-59, 65, and 73-79 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 37 are amended herein. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter was introduced by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 stands objected to as reciting “said server” which lack sufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 as amended herein recites “a server” which Applicants believe overcomes this objection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 1, 7, 9-11, 20-23, 29, 37, 43, 45-47, 56-59, 65, and 73-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrases “capable of”, “adapted to”, and “operable to” in claims 1 and 37 render these claims indefinite.

In response, Applicants herein amend claims 1 and 37 to recite, in relevant part, “*a standard rendering engine programmed to render content*” and “*the security module being programmed to be attached to the standard application program, to enforce usage rights for which the standard rendering engine is not programmed to enforce, and to provide access to the standard rendering engine.*” These amendments make it clear that the claimed standard rendering engine and the claims security mechanism are programmed to carry out specific functions as set forth in the claims.

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe claims 1 and 37, and those claims dependent there on, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In addition, claim 1 is amended herein to recite, in relevant part, “a communications interface for coupling said client to a server having digital content stored thereon.” As presented as a proposal to the Examiner previously, Applicants believe this amendment helps to clarify the novel features of the invention while also incorporating computer hardware.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the pending claims and pass the present application to issue. If any issue remains after considering this response, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned to work out any such issue by telephone.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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